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News Release

SUPREME COURT CENSURES JUDGE IN PIMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

PHOENIX. The Commission on Judicial Conduct announced today that the Arizona Supreme Court has censured Judge Carmine Cornelio for misconduct in office. Judge Cornelio has been a superior court judge in Pima County since May 2002.

The court's decision was based on a stipulated agreement in which the judge admitted violating the Code of Judicial Conduct when he used undignified and discourteous language during a settlement conference. The full text of the stipulated resolution can be viewed on the commission's web site at www.azcourts.gov/ethics by selecting Commission on Judicial Conduct, Judicial Complaints, 2010-131.

The commission is an independent state agency with jurisdiction over all state and local judges. It is composed of six judges, two attorneys, and three public members. The commission investigates complaints and submits recommendations in formal cases to the state supreme court for final decision.

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